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REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, claims 22, 31-34, 37 and 43 were rejected. The remaining pending claims were either indicated allowable or objected to, as being allowable but depending from a rejected independent claim. Claim 22 has been cancelled. Claim 35 has been cancelled and presented in independent form as amended claim 31. Claims 36, 37 and 38 have been rewritten in independent form. As such, none of the claim amendments presented herein serve to narrow the claims. As all of the pending claims have been indicated to be allowable, notice of the same is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully traverses the merits of the claim rejections and reserves the right to present the same or similar claims in a subsequently filed continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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